

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested. Claims 12 and 13 have been amended. Claims 1-11 and 21-29 have been previously canceled. No claims have been canceled or added in this response. No new matter has been added.

Examiner Interview Summary

A telephone interview was held with the Examiner on Tuesday, April 3, 2007. During the interview, Applicant discussed with the Examiner regarding the Examiner's argument in paragraph 3 of page 2 of the office action mailed on 1/18/2007. No agreement was made.

Claim Rejections

Independent claims 12 and 13 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) based on Sitaraman et al. (U.S. Patent no. 6,263,369). Applicant respectfully traverses the rejections.

Claim 12 as amended recites:

12. A machine-readable medium having sequences of instructions stored therein which, when executed by a processor cause the processor to perform a process comprising:

automatically configuring a network cache according to a structure of a database during an initial configuration of the network cache to enable the network cache to communicate with the database to authenticate a user.

(Emphasis added).

The above claim recites automatically configuring a network cache according to a structure of a database during an initial configuration of the network cache to enable the network cache to communicate with the database to authenticate a user. In contrast, Sitaraman does not teach or suggest the above emphasized claim limitation. As explained in the response to the previous office action mailed on August 21, 2006, Sitaraman discloses a communication system that has more than one access point. The communication system has a global database storing user records. When a user tries to logon to the communication system via an access point, the user's record is fetched from the global database, transmitted and stored in a local cache or database in the access point (see Abstract; column 1, lines 56-67; column 2, lines 7-12, lines 21-35, lines 54-58; 49-68).

The Examiner, however, alleges that Sitaraman discloses synchronization between a local cache and a central database and that synchronization between a local cache and a central database must include communicating and updating of local cache to assure not only the content but also the structure consistency of the database between them; otherwise, the entire system would not function properly (see office action mailed on 1/18/2007, page 2). Applicant respectfully submits that the Examiner's allegation that synchronization between a local cache and a central database must include synchronizing the structure between the database and the local cache is purely based on the Examiner's speculation, because Sitaraman contains no discussion regarding maintaining structure consistency between the database and the local cache. Neither does Sitaraman contain any suggestion that there is any need of synchronizing the structure between the database and the local cache. As disclosed in Sitaraman, the

local cache is not a complete replica of the database, but only stores one or more user records. Nothing disclosed in Sitaraman indicates that the database structure will change during operation. If the database's structure is not changed, structure synchronization between the local cache and the database will not be required.

Even assuming *arguendo* that the synchronization between the local cache and the database involves synchronization of the structure, Sitaraman does not teach or suggest automatically configuring a network cache according to a structure of a database during an initial configuration of the network cache to enable the network cache to communicate with the database to authenticate a user, such as recited in claim 12. The synchronization disclosed in Sitaraman is not done during an initial configuration of the local cache to enable the local cache to communicate with the database to authenticate a user. Rather, the synchronization happens after the initial configuration of the local cache occurs. Since Sitaraman does not talk about the initial configuration of the local cache to enable the local cache to communicate with the database to authenticate a user, Sitaraman certainly does not teach or suggest automatically configuring the local cache during the initial configuration of the local cache to enable the local cache to communicate with the database to authenticate a user, such as recited in claim 12. Therefore, at least for the above reasons, claim 12 is patentable over Sitaraman.

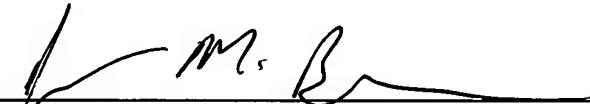
Claim 13, as amended, also recites a limitation similar to those discussed above for claim 12. Thus, at least for similar reasons, claim 13 and all claims which depend on it are patentable over Sitaraman.

For the foregoing reasons, the present application is believed to be in condition for allowance, and such action is earnestly requested.

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